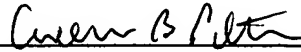


### REMARKS

The Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to examining the application. The claims have been amended to remove reference numerals, but do not constitute any new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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